

What Is Claimed Is:

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1. A service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatus on a network, comprising:

storage means for storing a group to which some of the information processing apparatus belong;

reception means for receiving request information transmitted from any of the information processing apparatus;

acquisition means for acquiring data coordinated with the request information; and

communication means for transmitting the data acquired by said acquisition means simultaneously to those of the information processing apparatus which belong to the same group.

2. A service providing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the data are music data, and the request information includes a tune of particular music data.

3. A service providing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising transmission means for receiving text data transmitted from any of the information processing apparatus and transmitting the text data to the other information processing apparatus which belong to the same group.

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4. A service providing method for a service providing apparatus for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatus on a network, comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling so that a group to which some of the information processing apparatus belong is stored;

a reception step of receiving request information transmitted from any of the information processing apparatus;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the request information; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by the processing of the acquisition step simultaneously to those of the information processing apparatus which belong to the same group.

5. A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for providing a service to a plurality of information processing apparatus on an network is stored, the program comprising:

a storage controlling step of controlling so that a group to which some of the information processing apparatus belong is stored;

a reception step of receiving request information

transmitted from any of the information processing apparatus;

an acquisition step of acquiring data coordinated with the request information; and

a communication step of transmitting the data acquired by the processing of the acquisition step simultaneously to those of the information processing apparatus which belong to the same group.

6. An information processing apparatus for accessing a service providing apparatus, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing apparatus on the same network and enjoying the services of the service providing apparatus, comprising:

inputting means for inputting access information for accessing the service providing apparatus;

display control means for controlling display of contents of the services transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

requesting means for selecting a predetermined service from among the services and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected service to said information processing apparatus and the other information processing apparatus;

reception means for receiving data transmitted from

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.

9. A program storage medium on which a computer-readable program for causing an information processing apparatus to access a service providing apparatus, which provides services on a network, together with other information processing apparatus on the same network and enjoy the services of the service providing apparatus is stored, the program comprising:

an inputting step of inputting access information for accessing the service providing apparatus;

a display controlling step of controlling display of contents of the services transmitted from the service providing apparatus;

a requesting step of selecting a predetermined service from among the services and requesting the service providing apparatus for transmission of the selected service to said information processing apparatus and the other information processing apparatus;

a reception step of receiving data transmitted from the service providing apparatus; and

a reproduction step of reproducing the data.